# I-70 Silverthorne/Dillon Interchange Public Meeting





## Introductions/Meeting Purpose

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- Meeting purpose
  - Provide an understanding of the project's focus and goals
  - Summarize the project schedule and Context Sensitive Solutions process
  - Gather feedback on environmental and technical considerations



## **Project Leadership Team**

- Scott McDaniel CDOT Program Engineer
- Bill Scheuerman CDOT Resident Engineer
- Wendy Wallach CDOT Environmental Lead
- Tyler Weldon CDOT Project Manager
- Bill Linfield Town of Silverthorne
- Thad Noll Summit County

- Eric Holgerson Town of Dillon
- Peggy Long Business
  Community Representative
- Steve Swanson -Environmental Community Representative
- Melinda Urban Federal Highway Administration
- R.A. Plummer Consultant Project Manager



### **Project Rationale**

- Highest volume interchange on I-70 Mountain Corridor
- Future capacity and mobility issues on ramps and throughout interchange
- Key location prioritized in I-70 Collaborative Effort
- Multi-modal transportation needs
- Safety concerns with increased congestion



### **Project Goals**

- To deliver a project that enhances mobility through collaboration between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), CDOT, and local agencies.
- To develop an innovative interchange solution that is of appropriate scale and meets stakeholder needs
- To embrace the I-70 Mountain Corridor Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) decision-making process
- To allow inclusive and transparent stakeholder involvement
- To improve local traffic flow on US 6 and SH 9 and regional traffic flow on I-70, US 6, and SH 9



### **Project Goals**

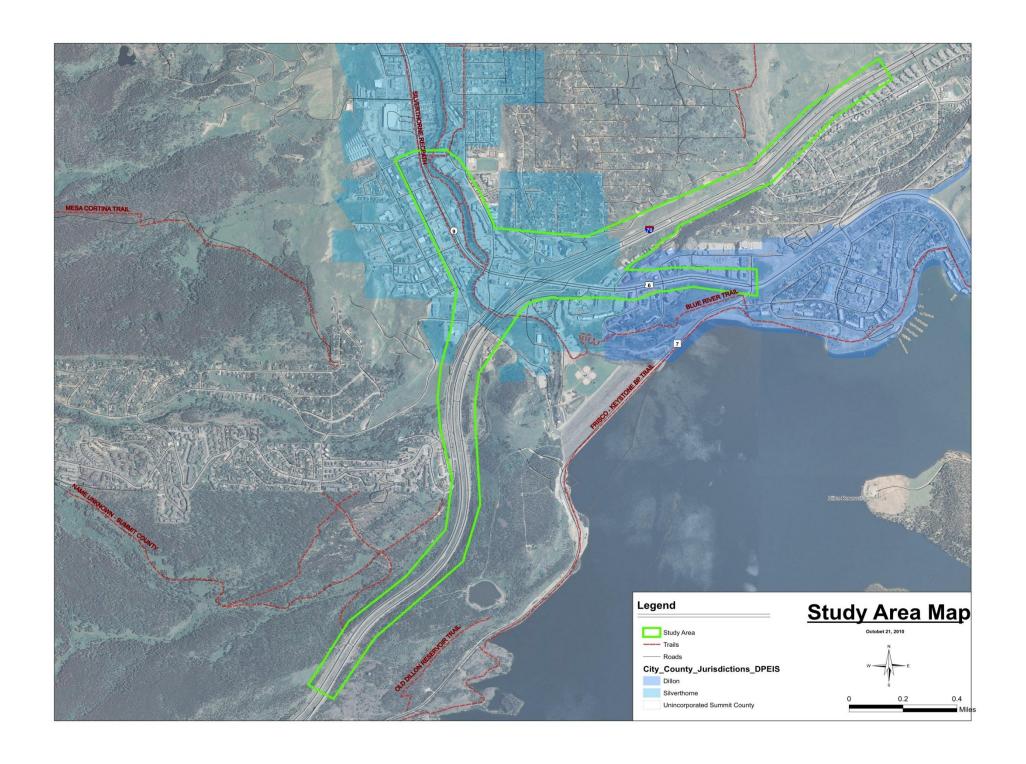
- To include, consider, or not preclude future transit improvements -- including an Advanced Guideway System
- To improve safety for motorists, transit riders, cyclists, and pedestrians within the project limits
- To identify, where possible, public and private-sector partnership opportunities
- To define flexible alternatives for interchange phasing, that can be built either in whole or in logical phases
- To avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse impacts to the local businesses and surrounding environmental resources

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### **Project Goals**

- To deliver a project that is economically and physically feasible.
- To incorporate sustainability principles and practices into the decision-making process, design and construction





### **Project Schedule and CSS Process**

Project Development Engineering Design Construction

### I-70 Silverthorne/Dillon Interchange Project Development Phases

Launch 9/10 – 12/10

Establish and charter PLT; endorse project approach; define project objectives, rationale, and goals; develop criteria for evaluating alternatives

### CSS Steps Accomplished

- 1. Define desired outcomes and actions
- 2. Endorse the process
- 3. Establish criteria

Evaluate 1/11 – 6/11

Brainstorm solutions, form Issue Task Forces as necessary, evaluate and refine alternatives using established criteria, select alternative(s), determine NEPA requirements

#### CSS Steps Accomplished

- 4. Develop alternatives
- Evaluate, select, and refine alternatives or option

Deliver 7/11 – TBD

Complete documentation of the recommendation and decision-making process, finalize conceptual design, prepare NEPA document, evaluate process, identify lessons learned

### **CSS Steps Accomplished**

6. Finalize documentation and evaluate process





### **Technical Studies/Alternative Analysis**

- 3-level Context Sensitive Evaluation
- First tier of screening focuses on fatal flaws, second is more qualitative, third is more quantitative
- Criteria categories include:
  - Sustainability
  - Safety
  - Environment
  - Historic Context
  - Mobility/Accessibility
  - Aesthetics
  - Communities



### **Next Steps**

- Issue Task Forces, beginning early 2011
- Public Workshops on alternatives, early 2011
- How to stay involved:
  - Provide contact information
  - Project website (starting next week):
    www.coloradodot.info/projects/I70SilverthorneDillon
  - Volunteer to participate in Issue Task Forces and attend Public Workshops



# Questions?



# Thank You

